

MACCLESFIELD RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL



R E P O R T
on the
HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE DISTRICT
for the
Year ended 31st December 1968.

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(To March 31st 1968)

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Macclesfield Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1968 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Rural District.

There has been a fairly considerable increase in the estimated population which now stands at 26,780, an increase of 400 over the previous year.

The number of births and deaths have remained approximately the same so that this increase is accounted for by a further influx of population into the Rural District as is evidenced by the fact that 167 houses were completed by private development during the year. Apart from measles there was no undue prevalence of infectious diseases and it is satisfactory to report that with the steady advancement of vaccination against this particular disease we are seeing a decline in the number of cases notified. As forecast in previous reports it is hoped eventually to see measles eradicated as a community disease.

I am particularly impressed with the care and detailed work which the Health department undertake on the question of Housing Management. This has been particularly evident during the process of selection of tenants for the flatlet scheme and the warden supervised bungalows. I have always maintained that Housing Management is a branch of Welfare and its rightful place is in a Health department where many of the problems to be solved have in addition to the social content a very large medical background as well.

It was with great satisfaction that during the year we were able to open the new Clinic at Poynton which is a very valuable acquisition to the services in that part of our area. Already it is being used extremely well and it will be possible in the future to develop new improved services. One of the things that is in mind is to develop a Family Planning Unit at Poynton and I am hoping that the Divisional Health Committee will include money for this in their next estimates.

Once again I wish to thank both Mr. Overbury and his staff for their great assistance in enabling me to do my work, also to Mr. Chadwick for his assistance in compilation of this report and last but by no means least to our Clerk, Mr. H.W. Abbott, who is as much a help to me as he is to all the other members of our Council.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

L. RICH

Medical Officer of Health.

(Throughout this report the figures in brackets are for the year 1967 and are for the purpose of comparison.)

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated Population26780 (26380)

BIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births { Legitimate	360 (365)	181 (188)	179 (177)
{ Illegitimate	11 (16)	3 (9)	8 (7)
Still Births { Legitimate	5 (6)	3 (4)	2 (2)
{ Illegitimate	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)

Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population mid 1968	15.3 (15)
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1000 of population	16.9 (17.2)
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	15.9 (18)
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (live and still) .	14 (14.8)
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total population22 (.26)

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	4 (3)	2 (1)	2 (2)
Illegitimate	- (2)	- (2)	- (-)
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	10.7	(13.1)	
Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales	18	(18.3)	
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births	11.1	(8.2)	
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	0	(12.5)	

DEATHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths (all ages)	275 (281)	132 (152)	143 (129)
Death Rate per 1000 estimated average population	10.7	10.7	(10.5)
Death Rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population	11.9	11.9	(11.2)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Cholera	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Bacillary Dysentery and amoebiasis	-	-	-
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	2	2	-
Other tuberculosis, including late effects	-	-	-
Plague	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Typhus and other rickettsioses	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Syphilis and its sequels	-	-	-
All other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasms	56	29	27
Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature	-	-	-
Diabetes mellitus	2	-	2
Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	1	-	1
Anaemias	-	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-
Active rheumatic fever	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	6	-	6
Hypertensive disease	-	-	-
Ischaemic heart disease	69	34	35
Other forms of heart disease	10	6	4
Cerebrovascular disease	31	12	19
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	20	9	11
Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	11	7	4
Peptic ulcer	3	2	1
Appendicitis	-	-	-
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of liver	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Abortion	-	-	-
Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	-	-	-
Congenital anomalies	4	2	2
Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	-	-	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	-	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	-	-	-
All other diseases	40	20	20
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	3	5
All other accidents	4	2	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	4	3	1
All other external causes	-	-	-
Total	275	132	143

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Miss M. Harris	Clinic Centre, Platt Ave. Sandbach	Sandbach 2970
Miss D.M. Owen	Clinic Centre, Park Lane, Poynton	Poynton 2127
Miss C.M. Crohn	Clinic Centre, Bollington	Bollington 2376
Miss P.R. Howarth	Clinic Centre, Bollington	Bollington 2376

Child Health Clinics

It is probable that in the future there will be various types of clinics providing a preventive clinical medical service in the County. It is likely that they will include child health, psychiatric, geriatric, middle aged or 'anticipatory' geriatric Clinics. Of these the first to evolve will be the child health clinics.

The need for child welfare clinics, infant welfare clinics, well baby clinics etc. has been the subject of much discussion since the advent of the National Health Service. The facts that the clinic doctor could no longer issue prescriptions and in the case of a child who was ill could do little more than advise that the child be seen by a general practitioner were those used as arguments for the abolition of clinics. Various proposals have been made and different experiments carried out. In 1964 the Standing Medical Advisory Committee of the Central Health Services Council established a Sub-Committee on Child Welfare Centres under the Chairmanship of Sir Wilfred Sheldon who published a report late in 1967 entitled 'Child Welfare Centres', and generally known as the 'Sheldon Report'.

The Sheldon Report

Few of the conclusions or recommendations of the Sheldon Report were new but at least they were set down as definite recommendations by an authoritative body. Most of the recommendations of the report have been accepted by the County Health Department, and it is along the lines indicated by Sheldon that it is intended to develop the Child Health Service in Cheshire.

The main recommendation of the Sheldon Report was

"We are in no doubt about the continuing need for a preventive service to guard the health of children. We consider it would be more appropriate to describe it as a child health service than a child welfare service. It is our view that in the long term it will be part of the family health service provided by family doctors working in groups from purpose built family health centres. It is within this concept that our recommendations are made".

The County Health Department agrees wholeheartedly with this statement and this recommendation summarises the County's policy. The Health Committee is committed to the establishment of health centres and these will provide accommodation for general practitioner services and for local health authority services. It is envisaged that more and more general practitioners will become involved in the local authority services of which the child health service is one.

Since 1967 each child born in Cheshire is registered on the Computer which then arranges for the children to be called for immunisation either at the Clinic or by their own family doctor whichever the parent chooses.

We shall also use the Computer to make special appointments for the Child Health Clinic so that the child can be assessed at regular periods during its' early years and finally round about the age of $4\frac{1}{2}$ it will have a pre-school final medical assessment so that the teachers will know of any medical matter which is important in relation to the child's education.

WELFARE CLINICS

<u>Welfare Centre</u>	<u>New Cases</u>			<u>Total Attendances</u>			<u>No. of Clinics Held</u>	<u>Cases seen by Doctor</u>	<u>Average per clinic seen by Dr.</u>	<u>Average attendance per clinic</u>
	<u>0-1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-5</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-5</u>				
Poynton	192 (228)	- (-)	- (-)	2565 (3154)	979 (1122)	889 (1282)	51 (51)	611 (512)	11.9 (10)	86.9 (108.9)
Prestbury	45 (64)	- (-)	- (-)	388 (474)	213 (179)	212 (310)	51 (51)	335 (273)	6.5 (5.3)	15.9 (18.8)
Sutton	34 (42)	- (-)	- (-)	403 (420)	165 (126)	152 (236)	23 (24)	120 (187)	5.2 (7.7)	31.3 (32.5)

I should like to pay tribute to all our Voluntary Workers not only in the Clinics but also in connection with Meals on Wheels Service.

We urgently need a Clinic at Sutton and I hope some progress is made in this direction in the near future.

BIRTHS

<u>Hospital</u>		<u>Home</u>		<u>Private Nursing Home</u>	
<u>Live</u>	<u>Still</u>	<u>Live</u>	<u>Still</u>	<u>Live</u>	<u>Still</u>
286	2	94	-	-	-
(252)	(6)	(116)	(-)	(3)	(-)

The sale and distribution of Welfare Foods has continued at the various clinics and all demands have been satisfactorily met.

Here too, we are much indebted to the work of the Voluntary Helpers who assist in its sale and distribution.

The localities and times of operation of the various clinics in the Rural District are as follows:-

<u>Welfare Clinic</u>	<u>Health Visitors</u>
Poynton: Park Lane, Poynton Tel. Poynton 2127	D.M. Owen Thursday p.m.
Prest- Ford House, Prestbury bury	P.R. Howarth Wednesday a.m.
Sutton: Ex-Service Men's Club Sutton	C.M. Crohn 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.

HOME NURSING SERVICE

The Nurses who form part of this service are as follows:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Mrs. K.A. Dawson	Butley Hey, London Rd. Prestbury	Prestbury 89360
Mrs. M. Topley	Tara, Welsh Row, Nether Alderley	Ald.Edge 2505
Mrs. F. Kerrigan	13 Station Road, Chelford	Chelford 561
Mrs. A. Parsons	Newlands, Woodhouse Lane, Gawsworth	Macc 2187
Miss M.M. Brown	53 Walker Lane, Sutton	Sutton 363
Miss A. Cheetham	82 Barnaby Road, Poynton	Poynton 2137
Mrs. G. Newton	15 Brookside Avenue, Poynton	Poynton 4847
Mrs. D.M. Shaw	28 Holly Road, Poynton	Poynton 2771
Mrs. J.B. Caldecott	Farndon, Towers Road, Poynton	Poynton 2312
Mrs. M.M. Brocklehurst	Sidmere, Dale Brow, Prestbury	Prestbury 89811
Mrs. G.A. Moss	Lane Edge, Hawkins Lane, Rainow	Greenhills 2150

As pointed out in previous reports, the Home Nurses in Macclesfield Rural District also carry out important duties of Midwives.

Much general nursing and home treatment under the direction of the family doctor is carried out by these nurses.

Throughout the year no complaint was received.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATIONS

Completed Primary Courses - Persons under Age 16 (South East Cheshire)

<u>Type of Vaccine</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>					<u>Others under 16</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964-61</u>		<u>At Clinics</u>	<u>By G.P.'s</u>
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple(D/W.C./T)	383	901	70	28	33	109	489	935
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	5	3	-	17	5	-	30
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	2	16	-	18
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	268	903	79	30	146	13	572	867
Measles	-	320	522	369	647	31	1170	719

Reinforcing Doses - Persons under Age 16 (South East Cheshire)

<u>Type of Vaccine</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>					<u>Others under 16</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964-61</u>		<u>At Clinics</u>	<u>By G.P.'s</u>
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple(D/W.C./T)	-	192	269	52	512	13	382	656
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	5	60	58	325	39	273	214
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	1	1	-	13	84	-	99
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	-	155	280	53	775	54	603	714

Smallpox Vaccination - Persons Under Age 16
(South East Cheshire)

	<u>Year of Birth</u>				<u>Others under 16</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>At Clinics</u>	<u>By G.P's</u>
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966-64</u>	<u>1963-54</u>				
Vaccinated	5	516	304	65	30	920	399	521
ReVaccinated	-	-	4	16	21	41	-	41

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

The Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, is available for bacteriological analysis of water, milk, food and ice-cream as and when we require them. In addition they deal with material from infectious diseases.

We obtain the maximum cooperation at all times and this excellent service is under the control of Dr. D.R. Tobin to whom we are indebted.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

Statistics relating to the Home Help Service provided in the Macclesfield Rural District during 1968 are as follows:-

Home Helps employed during 1968

Full-time	-	(-)
Part-time	67	(41)

Home Helps employed at 31st December 1968

Full-time	-	(-)
Part-time	32	(15)

Applications received during 1968

Aged and infirm	49	(52)
Chronic Sick	1	(8)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	41	(67)
Others	18	(21)
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	109	(148)

Cases attended during 1968

Aged and infirm	94	(58)
Chronic Sick	8	(9)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	39	(45)
Others	20	(18)
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	161	(130)

Cases receiving attention at 31st December 1968

Aged and infirm	47	(43)
Chronic Sick	5	(6)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	2	(1)
Others	4	(2)
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	58	52

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR 1968

	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65& over	Total
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Measles	2	14	21	27	20	60	3	1	-	-	1	-	149
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Cases admitted to hospital

Food Poisoning1
 Infective
 Hepatitis1

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year, and for purposes of comparison the notifications as for sex and age are given from 1959.

	<u>Notifications 1959-1968</u>									
	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP
<u>MALE</u>										
Up to 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
1 to 5	- -	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
5 to 15	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
15 to 25	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
25 to 35	2 -	2 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	1 -
35 to 45	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -
45 to 55	1 -	1 -	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	2 -	- -
55 to 65	- -	2 -	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -
65 and over	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -
<u>FEMALE</u>										
Up to 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
1 to 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
5 to 15	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -
15 to 25	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
25 to 35	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -
35 to 45	- -	1 -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	1 -	2 -	- -	- -
45 to 55	- -	- 1	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
55 to 65	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
65 & over	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -
Total	5 -	10 1	2 1	1 -	7 2	2 1	4 -	3 -	4 -	1 -

DEATHS 1959 to 1968

	1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966		1967		1968	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<u>MALE</u>																				
Up to 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 65	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-

FEMALE

Up to 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-

Cases on Register at 31st December 1968

	<u>Male</u> <u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Female</u> <u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Male</u> <u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Female</u> <u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
Up to 1	-	-	-	-
1 to 5	-	-	-	-
5 to 15	-	2	-	-
15 to 25	2	2	6	6
25 to 35	12	12	6	4
35 to 45	11	19	4	2
45 to 55	9	15	1	4
55 to 65	14	9	2	1
65 & over	13	1	3	3
Total	61	60	22	20

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

Thirty one samples of water were submitted for examination with the results shown in the following table:-

<u>Private Supply</u>		<u>Public Supply</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Non-Satisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Non-Satisfactory</u>
18	10	3	-

Information on Water Supply, Supplied by Macclesfield District Water Board.

General

The area of the Macclesfield Rural District Council has continued to be supplied with water derived partly from the Board's upland sources, partly from bulk supplies from adjacent water authorities and to a lesser extent from the Board's underground sources.

New Sources

Design of the various works necessary to treat the water from the new borehole station at Adlington has progressed and contracts have been let for the softening plant and associated buildings, booster pumps and a pumphouse. A second borehole is in the process of construction. The yield from the new source will replace the bulk supply now afforded by the Stockport District Water Board to the Poynton area. It is also hoped to utilise it for the Adlington and Pott Shrigley areas where the existing supplies are insufficient.

Two trial boreholes in the Bunter Sandstone at locations in the rural district north and west of Macclesfield are at present under construction and a contract has been let for a further borehole on another site in the same area. When these three boreholes are completed it is hoped that it will be possible to ascertain the future reserves of water available from the underground strata in this area.

New Works

The construction of a new three million gallon service reservoir at Poynton Coppice, which will replace the existing service reservoir at Petre Bank, is well in hand and a new 250,000 gallon reservoir which will replace the existing one at Hilltop Farm, Higher Poynton is almost complete.

The laying of a 12" diameter pumping main from the new Adlington Pumping Station into Coppice Reservoir is almost complete.

Laying of Water Main Extensions

During the year, extensions of water mains - to the greatest extent necessary for the provision of water services to new housing developments - have been carried out at the following sites:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Size of Main</u>
F. Tonks & Sons Ltd.	Henbury Rise, Henbury	6", 4" and 3"
G.&J. Seddon Ltd.	Jarman's Farm Estate, Sutton	3"
Macclesfield R.D.C.	Main Road, Langley	3"
J. Wellings and Sons Ltd.	Cockhall Lane, Langley	3"
P.E. Jones(Contractors)Ltd.	Castleford Park, Prestbury	4"
Macclesfield R.D.C.	Carton Avenue, Poynton	4"
Macclesfield District Water Board	Langley Road, Sutton	4"
Dean Smith Construction Co. Ltd.	Towers Road, Poynton	4"

SEWERING AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

CHELFORD AND GREAT WARFORD

Work has commenced on the Chelford Sewerage Scheme. A contract for the laying of an outfall sewer and sewerage pumping station has been accepted in the sum of £37,000 and work commenced. Great difficulties have been experienced in very bad ground conditions. The scheme is designed to operate in conjunction with extended works at Great Warford.

Proposals have been submitted to the Ministry for extensions to the Great Warford Works and the addition of heat treatment plant for sludge treatment incorporating land disposal.

POYNTON

Proposals have been submitted to the Ministry at an estimated cost of £177,000 for supplementary sewerage and new outfall sewer for Poynton to serve a designed population increase of 7,000. It is anticipated that Ministry approvals for both these schemes will be received before the end of 1969.

MARTON

This scheme, which is nearing completion, provides for sewerage and sewage disposal works for the existing village and the new primary school which has been sited at Marton to serve five parishes. The cost of the sewerage scheme is £17,000.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

1. Work Study Incentive Bonus Scheme

Early in 1968, the report of the temporary Work Study Officer on the public cleansing services, incorporating revised refuse collection rounds based on work measurement and the payment of incentive bonus for the anticipated increased productivity was submitted to the Council. It was broadly accepted by them and subsequently by the workmen and their Trade Union.

The revised working schedules were put into operation at the beginning of April 1968 and, after the initial teething troubles had been smoothed out, have resulted in

- (a) a marked higher level of performance
- (b) enhancement of the weekly take-home pay of the men and
- (c) some reduction in the level of absenteeism and turnover of the labour force.

The resignation of the Work Study Officer at the end of the August 1968 left problems with the maintenance of the scheme which have yet to be satisfactorily resolved.

2. Paper Sack System of Refuse Storage...

One longer term recommendation of the Work Study Officer was the progressive introduction of the paper sack system of refuse storage for domestic premises. Whilst he advocated this principally on the grounds of better labour utilisation, reduced vehicle wear etc. the method has great advantages hygienically in securing the provision of a clean storage container each week and indeed is one of the only two types of container recommended by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Working Party on Refuse Collection and Storage 1967.

Encouraged by the results of the pilot scheme operated on their Poynton Midway housing estate, the Council agreed to extend the scheme during the financial year 1968/69 to a cross section of some 1500 different types of dwellings. Samples of various types of holders and sacks were considered by the Council and a final selection was made of a new high density polythene holder with single ply bitumen impregnated paper sacks. Delays in the setting up of the factory production line for this new type holder prevented the scheme being implemented until March 1969.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

This Act, and the 'Operation Springclean' campaign, provided a much needed spur to positive action in the area to deal with the twin problems of unauthorised dumping of refuse and abandoned vehicles.

To meet their own obligations under the Act, the Council agreed to:-

1. Nominate their two refuse tips, at Worth Clough, Poynton and Harbour Lane, Gawsorth, as places where the R.D. Ratepayers could dispose of domestic refuse.
2. Open and man these tips specifically for this purpose every Saturday between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.
3. Appoint a part-time caretaker at Worth Clough Tip to deal with the problem of trespass on the tip and unauthorised tipping in the vicinity when the tip was closed.
4. Extend the special free collection of bulky refuse - i.e. redundant furniture, equipment and effects.
5. Set up a subsidised scheme for the voluntary disposal of ratepayer's redundant vehicles as a positive deterrent against abandonment by their owners.
6. Appoint a local scrap car dealer in Macclesfield to act as their agent for collecting, storing and disposing of redundant and abandoned vehicles in their area.

These measures were widely publicised in the local press and proved to be the basis for co-ordination of parallel action with the adjoining authorities of Macclesfield and Bollington.

In themselves they provided outlets for much unwanted material which might otherwise have been dumped to the detriment of others. The measures taken at Poynton resulted in a marked reduction in the abuse which had previously taken place of unsightly dumping in the woods adjoining Middlewood Road in the Potters Clough and Norbury Hollow areas.

The Council's actions were ably supplemented by action groups in many parishes as part of the Operation Springclean campaign, dealing with litter problems, tidying up waste land etc.

Abandoned and Redundant Vehicles

Action taken regarding such vehicles has resulted in the satisfactory disposal of 42 vehicles as under

- 12 - Under the 'Voluntary Scheme' whereby owners of redundant vehicles surrender ownership and pay a small fee for removal by the Council's agent.
- 1 - Abandoned vehicle dealt with under the legal provisions of the 1967 Act.
- 19 - Thought to be abandoned and removed voluntarily in negotiation with their owners.
- 10 - Accepted at yard of Council's agent.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Agricultural Premises	10
Animal Boarding Establishments	12
Caravan Sites	63
Dirty Premises/Insect infestation	21
Ditches and Streams	42
Drainage	264
Factories	24
<u>Food Inspection</u>	
Meat	619
Other foods	21
<u>Food Premises</u>	
Bakehouses	4
Food preparing premises	37
Food Shops	65
Ice Cream Premises	8
Mobile Food Vehicles	4
<u>Housing</u>	
Inspection of Dwellinghouses	45
Reinspection of Dwellinghouses	51
Elderly persons	3
Inspections re Council house applications	284
Certificates of Disrepair.....	-
Improvement Grants	23
Infectious Disease/Food Poisoning	20
<u>Milk and Dairies</u>	
General	1
Brucellosis	32
<u>Nuisance Complaints</u>	
Accumulations	17
Animals	4
Dust etc.	-
Smell	24
Smoke	2
Noise	4
Abandoned motor vehicles	18
Petroleum installations	64
Piggeries	2
Poultry keeping	9
Private Swimming pools	-
Refuse Collection	98
Refuse Disposal	123
Rodent Control	44
Scrap metal dealers	2

Sanitary Accommodation

Schools	5
Licensed Premises	8
Houses	9
Building Sites	2
Septic tanks/Cesspools	49
Tents, Vans and Sheds	-
<u>Water Supply:-</u>	
General	22
Sampling	31

Work carried out

Accumulations removed	8
Ditch courses cleansed	2
<u>Drainage:-</u>	
Drains/Private sewers cleansed	52
Drains/Private sewers repaired or improved	5
Public sewers cleansed	7
Premises connected to public sewer	17
Premises disinfected	1
Premises cleared of furniture effects	-
Smoke observations	2
Smoke nuisances abated	2
<u>Water supply from mains:-</u>	
Provided	-
Restored	1

HOUSING

Number of Private dwellings completed during the year	167
Number of Council dwellings completed during the year	20
Number of Council dwellings in course of erection at 31.12.68	40
Number of Council houses acquired by the Council	7
Number of Pre-War houses at 31.12.68	206
Number of Post-War houses at 31.12.68	740
Number of bungalows/flats at 31.12.68	130
Total number of dwellings owned by Council	1083
Number of Improvement Grants approved - Standard	21
Discretionary	29
Number of Improvement Grants refused	3
Number of Council houses sold	-

Demolition and Closing Orders

Houses demolished as a result of formal or	
informal procedure under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1957	1
Families displaced as a result of formal or	
informal procedure under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1957	-
Houses demolished in Clearance areas	-
Unfit houses closed	4
Persons displaced from such homes	8
Families displaced from such homes	5

Unfit houses made fit in which defects were remedied

Number of houses rendered fit as a result of informal action	
by the Local Authority under the Public Health Acts	98
Number of houses in which defects were remedied	
after service of formal notices:-	
a) by owners	2
b) by local authority in default of owners	-

Number of houses made fit after formal notice under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act 1957

Number of houses rendered fit after determination of a Demolition	-
Order under Section 24 of the Housing Act 1957	
Number of houses rendered fit after determination of a Closing	-
Order under Section 27 of the Housing Act 1957	

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this area.

RENT ACT 1957 CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

No applications for the issue or cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair were received during 1968.

HOUSING

Council house Accommodation

One of the principal responsibilities of the Health Department is to secure a high standard of housing accommodation in the district. In addition to initiating action on houses unfit for habitation - resulting in demolition closure or renovation - and in respect of nuisances/defects; the letting of council housing accommodation has been a traditional part of the work of the Department for many years.

1. Accommodation for General Needs

As a result of an extensive programme of construction in the immediate post war years, the stock of council houses at the end of 1968 stood at 946. As a matter of policy, no programme of house building for general needs is under consideration at the present time. Although the waiting lists of applicants stand at approximately 220, these are spread over a large number of parishes, and it has proved possible to deal progressively with the more urgent cases when casual vacancies arise. It is perhaps a comment on our more mobile society that the number of casual vacancies is increasing: it would undoubtedly be greater, now the Council have put rents on to an economic basis, if our more affluent tenants were encouraged to buy their own houses with mortgages available at more reasonable rates of interest.

A fair proportion of applications for housing arise from persons in accommodation tied to their employment, particularly agriculture.

All applicants resident in this area are visited and reports on their background circumstances are prepared, on which the selection of tenants is made by the Housing Management Committee.

2. Accommodation for the Elderly

The Council have been increasingly preoccupied with the provision of sufficient satisfactory housing accommodation for the elderly prompted by:-

- (a) The limited existing stock of accommodation which stood at 120 bungalows and 9 warden supervised flats at the end of the year.
- (b) The ever increasing number of applications - now standing at 250.
- (c) The considerations of a specially constituted Care of the Elderly Committee which reviewed all aspects of old persons welfare and specifically considered the requirements in the field of provision of accommodation for the elderly for a five year period.

The main policy decisions that were taken by the Council were

- (1) Agreement in principle to a programme of construction of 300/350 units of accommodation for the elderly over a period of 5 years; such construction to be limited in the main to certain specific parishes to serve, in each case, the specific parish and those immediately adjoining.
- (2) Acceptance of applications for tenancies from rural district residents, past and present and from elderly relatives of rural district residents living outside the area.

3. Warden Supervised Accommodation

The Cheshire County Council as Welfare Authority have given increasing encouragement over recent years to district councils to assist those elderly persons finding increasing difficulty in continuing to manage their own accommodation, but anxious to maintain more independence than is possible in the County residential homes. This class of need is mainly met by the construction of units of self-contained flats by the district council supplemented by communal accommodation and a warden service funded by the County Council.

A prototype scheme of 9 flats at Lawrence House, Poynton was opened in 1964 and proved very successful. A larger scheme was subsequently agreed for a three storey building also on the Midway Housing Estate at Poynton, with 36 flats, mainly warden supervised for the elderly, but including a small percentage of general needs flats for single younger persons. This scheme at Vernon Lodge, Copperfield Road, Poynton was nearing completion at the end of the year. In anticipation of their completion, visitation of all applicants living in the area was undertaken jointly with Dr. Rich. The over-all impressions resulting from this visitation were the physical and in some cases the mental, difficulties of the majority of applicants in maintaining their existing homes, the inadequacy of heating facilities in a majority of cases, and their loneliness - impressions which uniformly affected the whole cross section of society involved.

The Council agreed in principle with the County Welfare Authority for the provision of 2 wardens in connection with the two groups (26 and 16) of existing bungalows at Sutton Lane Ends. It is hoped to implement this early in 1969.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk and Dairies - Brucellosis

The County Council have continued their monthly sampling service of the dairy herds in the district from which milk is sold raw to the public - there were 52 such herds in 1968 as against 57 in 1967. Some interruption of the sampling service in the early months of the year was occasioned by movement restrictions in the vicinity of farms affected by foot and mouth disease.

A summary of the sampling carried out by the Cheshire County Council is set out below:-

	<u>Total submitted</u>	<u>Human Brucella Positive</u>
Bulk samples	139	1
Dealer samples (as supplied to public)	636	8
Individual cow samples	106	2
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	881	11
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Upon receipt of a report as to positive evidence of brucellosis, immediate investigation is made at the farm, and the necessary follow up action taken to protect the public:-

Number of affected cows removed from herds	16
Orders made under Regulation 20 of Milk and Dairies Regulations 1959 (prohibiting the sale of milk except for pasteurisation).	3
Regulation 20 Orders subsequently removed	1
Total number of Regulation 20 Orders still operative in district	10

Whilst the incidence of evidence of brucellosis in raw milk retailed to the public is reducing from year to year - resulting from action taken arising from the intensive County Sampling programme and the increasing proportion of farmers aiming for brucella free herds - there is a continuing hazard to the public consuming untreated milk.

FOOD PREMISES

The standard of cleanliness in catering establishments and in shops selling food was ~~maintained~~ during the year and the opportunity was taken when visits were made under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 to have any minor contraventions dealt with at the time of visit.

<u>Type of business</u>	<u>FOOD HYGIENE ' (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960</u>			
	<u>No. of premises</u>	<u>No. of premises complying with Reg. 16 (provision of wash basin etc.)</u>	<u>Premises to which Reg. 19 applies (facilities for washing food & equip.)</u>	<u>No. of premises complying with Reg. 19.</u>
GROCERS	40	40	40	40
GREENGROCERS	7	7	7	7
BUTCHERS	7	7	7	7
FISH AND CHIPS	2	2	2	2
BAKEHOUSES	3	3	3	3
SWEET SHOPS	11	11	11	11
WHOLESALE FOOD	2	2	2	2
CONFECTIONERS	5	5	5	5
LICENSED PREMISES	44	44	44	44
	19 providing catering facilities)			
CAFES AND REFRESHMENT HOUSES	26	26	26	26

POULTRY PROCESSING AND EGG PASTEURISATION PLANTS

There are no plants in the district for either of these purposes.

CONDEMNED FOOD 1968

The following articles of food were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption and certificates issued.

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwt</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Meat at slaughterhouses	1	2	68
Meat at retail shops			77
Canned meats		1	24
	1	4	57

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION Slaughterhouses Act 1958

There are three licensed slaughterhouses in the rural district as under:-

ADLINGTON	-	Hope Green	J. Beard
CHELFORD	-	Station Road	A. Williams
CHORLEY	-	Stanley Terrace	P. Reade

The quality of animals slaughtered continues to be high.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED - 1968

	Bullocks Hoifers	Cows	Calves	Pigs	Sheep and Lambs
Number killed (if known)	1579	32	102	187	7398
Number inspected	1579	32	102	187	7398
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	3	1	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	79	14	3	2	224
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	5%	46.8%	2.9%	1.6%	3%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	-	-	-	-	-
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>					
Carcasses of which some or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

There was no further increase of farms in the district affected with foot and mouth disease (20 at 31st December 1967) to which reference was made in the 1967 Report. As these were spread over 9 parishes in the district and there were many outbreaks in adjoining areas, infected area restrictions imposed by the Ministry of Agriculture were not finally removed until 24th April 1968. It was not until this time that the refuse collection, cesspool emptying and rodent control services could be restored to farms generally in the district.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employs one Rodent Operator on a full time basis. His duties include surveying the district for rats and mice, treating infestations at dwelling houses without charge and at business premises either on a 'cost of treatment' basis or on 12 months contract.

Number of domestic properties treated for:-	Rats - 669	Mice 494
Number of agricultural properties treated for	Rats 40	Mice 8

The Rodent Operator also affords a service for extermination of wasps which is heavily subscribed during the summer months. He also assists the Inspectors in dealing with other insect infestations.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM

Towards the end of the year, the Home Office issued New Model Codes of Practice relating to the safe storage of Petroleum and Petroleum mixtures. In consequence, and in conjunction with the Fire Prevention Section of Cheshire County Fire Brigade arrangements have been made for each licensed premises to receive a general inspection with a view to bringing them into line with the new Model Codes.

The Codes will apply in full with regard to new installations but in respect of existing licensed premises the Codes will be applied in full or in part dependent on individual circumstances and essential requirements for public safety.

Number of licensed premises in the district	66
Comprised as follows	
Petrol Filling Stations (retail sales)	30
Other private installations	32
Can stores	4

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

There were eight new registrations of premises under the Act during the year, all of which received a general inspection to ensure compliance with the Act. The main provisions of the Act relate to sufficient toilet and washing facilities, heating, lighting, space for employees and first-aid equipment. The Act also requires employers to notify any accidents on the premises which either:-

- (a) Causes loss of life to a person employed to work on the premises or
- (b) Disables any such person for more than three days from doing his work.

Two accidents were reported during the year and on investigation it was found that they were due to the human error of employees and not from any fault or omission on the part of the employers.

TABLE - REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number of premises registered during the year</u>	<u>Total Number of reg. premises at end of year</u>	<u>Number of registered premises receiving a general insp. during the year</u>
Offices	3	40	3
Retail Shops	5	82	6
Wholesale Shops	-	4	1
Catering Establishments open to public and canteens	-	33	-
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
Total	8	159	10

TABLE B - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES - 100

TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>Number of Persons employed</u>
Offices	460)
Retail Shops	217)
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	48)
Catering Establishments open to public	238)
Canteens	70)
Fuel Storage	-)
Total	1033
	Total males - 457
	Total Females - 576

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of inspections</u>	<u>Number of written and informal notices</u>	<u>Number of occupiers prosecuted</u>
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,6,7 are to be enforced by local authority	1	-	-	-
Factories not included in list above in which section 7 is enforced by local authority	60	24	1	-
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by local authority (excl. outworker premises)	8	-	-	-
Total	69	24	1	-

Cases in which defects were found

Sanitary conveniences

(Section 7)

	<u>Defects found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
a. Insufficient	-	-
b. unsuitable or defective	3	-

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

		<u>Section 133</u>			<u>Section 134</u>	
<u>Nature of work</u>	<u>No. of outworkers in Aug. list required by Sec.133(1)c.</u>	<u>No.of cases in default in sending lists to Council</u>	<u>No.of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</u>	<u>No.of instances of work in unsuitable premises</u>	<u>Notices served</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
Wearing)making apparel) etc.	26	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing)cleaning apparel)&washing	-	-	-	-	-	-



